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**** Information Advisory ****

Wichita Police Department Deputy Chief's Rotation

On Saturday, August 12, 2006, Deputy Chief Robert Lee and Deputy Chief Thomas Stolz were assigned to new positions within the Wichita Police Department. Deputy Chief Lee is now assigned to the Field Services Division (268-4239) after commanding the Investigations Division. Deputy Chief Thomas Stolz has moved from the Field Services Division to the Investigations Division (268-4407).

During the past few years Deputy Chief Thomas Stolz, while supervising the Field Services Division, was instrumental with initiating and implementing various new initiatives, which have enhanced the Wichita Police Department Community Police Philosophy. One initiative that was new to the Police Department was the "Beat Team Concept", which increased accountability and teamwork between the community policing officers and beat officers. Another initiative was the 4X10 work shift, which has proven beneficial for our citizens and department members. In addition, Deputy Chief Stolz was significantly involved with the implementation of the tasers within the Police Department. While commanding the Field Services Division, Deputy Chief Stolz's leadership was a key element in the effort that resulted in the Police Department receiving a second Webber Seavey Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Motorola for the Planeview Activity Camp for Kids (P.A.C.K.) Project.

Deputy Chief Robert C. Lee, while commanding the Investigations Division, was significantly involved with supervising the BTK investigation and the subsequent arrest of Mr. Dennis Rader in February 2005. Deputy Chief Lee and the Investigations Division Command staff developed and implemented a forty-hour investigation-training program, which enabled detectives from the Police Department Detectives and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office to gain valuable investigative information to assist with their assignments as detectives. Under Deputy Chief Lee's leadership, the Investigations Division 6th floor saw a great change in the environment with the office walls receiving fresh paint and new modular furniture.

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